

Remarks/Arguments

In response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the remaining claims in light of the claim amendments presented herein which is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the appropriate fee. Applicants respectfully assert the present submission, including the amendments and remarks presented herein, fully responds to the subject office action.

Claims 1, 3-17, and 23 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended.

Claims 1-5, 8-9, 11-15, 17 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by *MassPike's Fast Lane Program* (www.masssturnpike.com). In addition, Claims 6-7 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as also being unpatentable over *MassPike's Fast Lane Program*. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reasons stated in previous correspondences in addition to the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's comments as provided in the "Response to Arguments" of the present Action. Applicants specifically take note of the Examiner's mention that the arguments presented in Applicants' previous response were not persuasive because there is no recitation in the claims having the specific claim wording to support Applicants' arguments in the attempt to overcome the art cited therein.

Applicants have considered the Examiner's comments and respectfully agree. Therefore, applicants submit the present amendment to Claim 1 to include further claim limitations. Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 1 as now amended overcomes the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by *MassPike's Fast Lane Program*.

In addition, Claims 3-17 and 23, which are dependent on allowable Claim 1, and which necessarily include all the limitations of Claim 1, are now allowable over the cited prior art in view of the amendments to independent Claim 1 as presented herein. Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 3-17 and 23 as now amended overcomes the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) and/or 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by *MassPike's Fast Lane Program*.

No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 3-17, and 23 as they now stand are patentably distinct over the art cited.

With the addition of no new claims, no additional filing fees are due. The appropriate fee, however, for the filing of the accompanying RCE is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 23-2426 of WINSTEAD SECHREST & MINICK P.C.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this paper or the present application in general, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (214) 745-5710.

Respectfully submitted,

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